GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:229
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ANAEMIA IN TEENAGED GIRLS AND PREGNANT WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the position of India in the world in regard to the number of teenaged girls and pregnant women suffering from iron deficiency/anaemia; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 FOR 30.11.2007 BY SHRI MAHAVIR BHAGORA REGARDING ANAEMIA IN TEENAGED GIRLS AND PREGNANT WOMEN

(a) There is no ranking of anaemia at global level therefore it is not possible to state the number of teenaged girls and pregnant women suffering from iron deficiency/anaemia in India vis-Ã -vis other countries in the world.

(b) Government has initiated following measures to improve the anaemia level in the population.

(i) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in order to improve the access to quality health care. Under this Mission, the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) for Anaemia Control, provides iron and folic acid tablets to all pregnant and lactating women and pre-school children. Now it has been decided that children 6 months to 5 years would be given 20 mg iron and 100 mcg folic acid supplement in liquid form. Children 6-10 years would be provided with 30 mg iron and 250 mcg folic acid, while adolescents in the age group 11-18 years would receive the same dose as adults.

(ii) Janani Suraksha Yojana under National Rural Health Mission is an intervention wherein cash incentives are provided for delivering a child at the health institution. A village link worker (ASHA) will orient the community on the importance of Nutrition and shall be provider of Iron Folic Acid Tablets besides orienting the community on other health related issues.

(iii) The Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry of Women & Child Development is conducting Nutrition Education and Awareness Programmes in rural areas and urban slums.